GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Fertilizers Subsidy
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is true that the Government has issued revised energy norms under the new urea policy for existing 25 gas based urea plants in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the said move is expected to save about Rs. 800 crore in fertilizer subsidy and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of urea subsidy given to farmers in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the maximum number of times the urea subsidy is given to the farmers in a year and the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the medium through which subsidy is being provided to the farmers at present;

(f) whether the Government proposes to issue smart cards to farmers for claiming urea subsidy and if so, the details and the benefits thereof; and

(g) the total quantum of urea demand per annum in the State of Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): Yes, Madam. The government has issued revised energy norms under the New Urea Policy 2015 for existing 25 gas based urea plants in the country. Copy of the notification is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): Yes, Madam. The saving in subsidy due to revision of energy consumption norms is as under:-
Rs. In Crores
Year Savings in Subsidy due to Norm revision
2015-16 271
2016-17 271
2017-18 271
2018-19 1805

(c), (d) & (e): The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea is statutorily controlled by the Government. The difference between the delivered cost of fertilizers at farm gate and net market realization by the urea units is given as subsidy to the urea manufacturer/importer by the Government of India. The total expenditure on subsidy on imported urea for the last 3 year & current year (up to Nov, 15) is as under:
(Rupees in crores)

Particulars 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
(Up to Nov'15)
Indigenous Urea 20000.00 26500.00 38200.01 34864.05
Imported Urea 20016.00 15353.30 16200.00 11210.07

(f): No, Madam. At present there is no such proposal in the Department.

(g): The requirement of urea in the State of Jharkhand as projected by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare in the last three years is as follows:-
<Figures in 000MT>

Year Requirement (Demand)
2013-14 260.00
2014-15 225.00
2015-16 225.00

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